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Spy scandal brewing in Britain?

London (AP)—Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher told Parliament yesterday there is a "serious" case of espionage against a former employee of Britain's top-secret communications headquarters, but refused to give details.

The prime minister said that she could not make any statement until after the trial of Geoffrey Arthur Prime, 44, who has been charged under the Official Secrets Act with transmitting information to an enemy between 1968 and 1981.

Her statement followed days of press speculation that a major spy scandal was about to break.

Prime worked at the General Communications Headquarters at Cheltenham, where Britain conducts international electronic eavesdropping, from 1968 to 1977.